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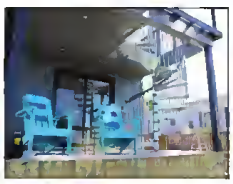

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Fun in the sun

Harry Rosettani Special to The Times

The Fort Erie Optimist Club hosted the first annual Flower Power event at the Optimist Club on Gilmore Road Sunday. The goal of the event was to celebrate the end of the winter and the start of the summer season. Children and families were invited to the hall for games, crafts and face painting. Children were also encouraged to come dressed in costumes made of paper and prizes were awarded to children with the most unique costumes. Four-year-old Taia Martinelli, of Ridgeway, had her face painted to look like a tiger.

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Town honours memory of Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Although Rick Shular is gone, his memory will never be forgotten by his family, friends and colleagues.

"We should all be fortunate to follow the example he has set for this community," Mayor Wayne Redekop said about his former colleague.

Shular served as the representative of Ward 2 in Fort Erie since 2003. In the most recent election, he out-polled his only competitor by more than two-to-one.

He died in December at the age of 68 after a brief illness.

On Monday, Redekop honoured Shular's memory by presenting the former councillor's name plate and a bouquet of flowers to his wife, Susan Shular.

Redekop described his colleague, Rick Shular as a "highly respected individual who was known as "the voice of reason" at council meetings.

When thinking of compassionate individuals who bave committed tbemselves to serving the community of Fort Erie, Redekop said "Rick Shular immediately comes to mind."

"Rick was born to be a local politician. He would have been the longest serving councillor in the Town of Fort Erie," Redekop added.

"Standing here today, with all of you in this room bere, I realize this was Rick's second home. He spent a lot of time here, especially in the council chambers," Shular said about her husband.

"He fought a lot of battles here (in the council chambers). Some were successful. Some were not."

Shular said her husband "would appreciate" that his family, friends and colleges are "still thinking of him."

"This recognition is wonderful and I hope that they (Town staff) would do the same for anyone who was in this position," Shular said.

"It's very meaningful to me. I'd like to thank all of my wonderful family and friends for coming tonight and sharing this with me."

After Susan Shular thanked council, those in attendance of the meeting stood to applaud in honour of Rick Shular's memory.

In addition to serving council, Shular is a former employee of Sherwin-Williams in Fort Erie and has been involved with a number of organizations including the YMCA, the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Erie Kinsmen and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71.

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Mayor Wayne Redekop honoured the memory of former Ward 2 Coun. Rick Shular by presenting his wife, Susan, with his name plate during Monday night's council meeting.

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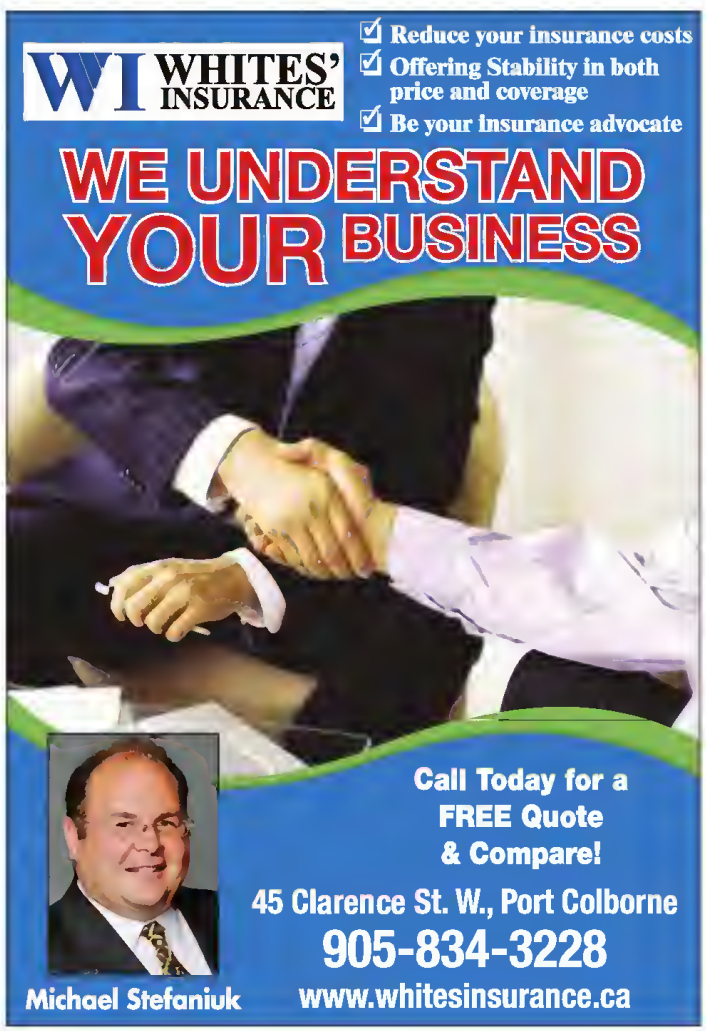

Town to consider sanctuary's request to change animal control bylaw

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The founder of Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary has asked the Town of Fort Erie to consider revising its animal control bylaw.

Amy Bremner, who created the Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary to provide a haven for unwanted and abandoned animals, attended a council-in-committee meeting last Monday to ask council to consider increasing animals limits, removing alpacas and llamas from the list of exotic animals, expanding kennels to include domestic charitable and updating fees in the Town's animal bylaw.

She said there should be "no limit for foster homes or agricultural properties as long as animals are spayed or neutered and micro chipped."

"Research shows bylaw limits are a challenge for many homes wishing to foster and foster homes are the only way to make the system work."

Beaver Creek Farms currently has one inactive foster home. Bremner would like the Town's bylaw to change so more people who are willing to open their hearts and homes can foster dogs in need. She said the bylaw "severely limits who can qualify to be a foster home" because each foster home needs to have five acres of agricultural land and pay a $125 licencing fee."

Bremner said animals benefit from staying at a foster home because they aren't kept in small cages.

Although alpacas are not native to Canada, they have been accepted as livestock because their fibre "is desirable." Bremner said alpacas and llamas should be removed from the Town's list of exotic animals.

She said a domestic charitable rescue should be added to the bylaw and the fee for operating it "should not exceed that of a kennel licence and is one fee to cover all the sanctuary animals and foster homes of said registered charity."

Under the Town's animal control bylaw, Bremner said Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary "doesn't fall into a category.'

"It doesn't allow Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary to be licenced as a kennel with the benefit of associated dog limits."

Supporters of the animal sanctuary, who brought colourful signs asking for changes to the animal control bylaw, listened while Bremner said the animal sanctuary has rehabilitated more than 100 animals and 97% of those animals "have gone on to find forever homes."

Before families adopt animals from the sanctuary, they are required to undergo an in-depth adoption process that requires personal and veterinarian references.

Ward 4 Coun. Marina Butler preferred to wait until August before making any changes to the Town's bylaw.

"I would like to take some time to digest (a report from staff) and make the best decision possible."

Butler was concerned about increasing the limit of dogs allowed in a home because "it could create not legitimate fostering."

"We want to be cautious of that kind of environment."

Fellow councillors agreed with Butler. They deferred making a decision until the next council-in-committee meeting on Aug. 10.

Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts said he "appreciated all the efforts of the Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary" but the Fort Erie SPCA is the governing body of animal welfare in the Town of Fort Erie.

"I would feel more comfortable taking direction from the Fort Erie SPCA on how we can make things better here for other groups. I'm hoping the Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary and the SPCA can work something out in our municipality to help the animals that need the help."

According to a report presented to councillors, Fort Erie SPCA staff met Town officials in May to seek "direction on how to handle some animal control issues" at Beaver Creek Animal Farm Sanctuary.

Following a review of the animal control bylaw, the report stated Bremner was in violation of the bylaw for not having her three personal dogs licenced by the Fort Erie SPCA, for housing three alpacas which she was in the process of finding new homes for and for fostering dogs without a licence.

The report stated that both the sanctuary and the SPCA agreed to "work toward compliance."

The report said the last foster licence issued to Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary expired in December 2014 and the grace period for renewing it ended on March 31. According to the report, SPCA staff also notified the Town that Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary violated the bylaw for not providing the annual application form, the fee for the foster dog licence, and proof of adoption of a foster dog.

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Supporters of Beaver Creek Farm Sanctuary visited Town Hall Monday to show their support for the Stevensville animal sanctuary.

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Kinsmen Pool expected to open first week of August

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Children and families are expected to be splashing around in the Kinsmen Pool within the next few weeks.

The pool was supposed to open in early July but rainy days delayed volunteers from completing work on time.

"If Mother Nature cooperates, the Kinsmen Pool will be opening the first week of August," said project chairman Stephen Passero.

"It has taken a huge effort to get the pool back in operation after sitting dormant for three years. We just need a few warm, dry days in a row to prep and paint the pool basin."

According to Passero, "everything is coming together nicely."

"The Fort Erie Underwater Recovery Unit and all of their partners and sponsors are very happy to have (the pool) up and running even if just for a few weeks to close out this summer."

Next year, the pool "can open in June and run a full three-month schedule."

Some staff is already in place but additional lifeguards and instructors are needed.

Anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard at the Kinsmen Pool can contact Kevin Kopinak at the Boys and Girls Club by e-mailing him at aquatics@boysandgirlsclubniagara.org.

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Plaque unveiling to honour inaugural conference of Niagara Movement

A plaque in Waverly Beach that honours the 110th anniversary of the inaugural Niagara Movement will be unveiled Saturday afternoon.

Twenty-nine activists in the struggle against racial oppression participated in a conference held at the Erie Beach Hotel in Waverly Beach in 1905 to discuss social and racial injustice.

From this initial conference, the Niagara Movement was born. It recognized the principle of human brotherhood through equal rights and freedoms regardless of race or colour.

W.E.B DuBois and William Monroe Trotter initiated the Niagara Movement. They invited black intellectuals, businessmen and activists from the U.S. and Canada to develop the organization's constitution and bylaw. The Erie Beach Hotel was selected for the meeting for its amenities and location, which was just far enough away from Buffalo so as not to be disturbed.

Many of the Niagara Movement's original members were instrumental in the formation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, known as NAACP. Their work became the cornerstone of the modern civil rights movement.

Several years ago, members of the Waverly Beach Community Group, led by Debby Cohen, donated funds to the Fort Erie Historical Museum to promote Waverly Beach history. Several other citizens, including Cynthia Skinner and Darlene Levere have also expressed their support for this story.

Last year, the museum's staff members researched, designed and installed a plaque at Waverly Beach to commemorate this important piece of Fort Erie's history.

The museum has partnered with the Fort Erie Community Gaming and Development Corporation and the Heritage Arts Legacy of Fort Erie to host the plaque unveiling which will begin at 2 p.m. at Waverly Beach Park.

Mayor Wayne Redekop and Buffalo's Mayor Byron Brown will speak about the significance of this conference and officially unveil the plaque.

Members of the Heritage Arts Legacy of Fort Erie will provide tours of the site and exhibits.

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Point of View

Many service clubs and non-profit organizations need more volunteers to survive

It's an unfortunate reality that many service clubs and non-profit organizations are struggling to survive.

Without people who are willing to lend a hand for a few hours each week, or once a month, organizations like the Fort Erie Arts Council won't last much longer.

The Fort Erie Arts Council is a non-profit organization that aims to promote arts and culture in Fort Erie. The arts council serves people from all walks of life by offering a variety of art classes, workshops and arts camps. The group participates in a number of community events including Ridgeway's Spirit of Christmas and the Friendship Festival. The organization also hosts the annual Red Ribbon Exhibition, which gives new and experienced artists a chance have their work on display each November.

Last week, a small group of arts council supporters gathered at the former Fire Station Two in downtown Bridgeburg to discuss the future of the Fort Erie Arts Council.

The future of the arts council is grim.

With only four board members who fulfill their duties as board members as well as plan and execute all of the arts council's programs, the organization can no longer operate.

There just aren't enough people.

The arts council's president, Michelle Morrissey has stated if the organization can't find at least five more board members in August, the Fort Erie Arts Council will disband.

It would be a shame to see the Fort Erie Arts Council go, but like many other service clubs, the organization is having difficulty finding the reliable volunteers it needs to keep operating.

Groups like the Fort Erie Arts Council, the Fort Erie Optimist Club, the local chapters of the Kinsmen, Kinettes, Lions and Lioness clubs and other community organizations rely on volunteers to organize community events. But if the people aren't there to support them, these groups will cease to exist.

If these groups disappear, that means many community events will disappear too.

Without these people who give some of their time to make the community a better place to live, Fort Erie would look like a much different place.

Should the Fort Erie Arts Council become defunct, residents will feel the impact.

Do you remember?

As we received no calls or e-mails about last week's 1974 photo of the junior and senior officers, it will go back into the unidentified people binders here at the Fort Erie Historical Museum. We always welcome hearing from you with any information on this photo or any of the previous *Do You Remember* photos that have been featured in this column. It looks like love is in the air in this week's photo. On the back of the photo, the name Ray Finch and the date July 7, 1981 is written. Let us know if this triggers any memories by calling the museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mailing us at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Letters to the Editor

Noises shouldn't be tolerated on weekend mornings

As a rural home and landowner in Ridgeway, like my neighbours, I make an effort to keep very quiet on weekend mornings by not starting my lawnmower or tractors until much later in the day, regardless of my personsal circumstances or wishes.

On Sunday, July 12, I was working at my computer at 8:20 a.m. I had guests asleep in various parts of the house, as they had been to the Rolling Stones concert the previous night in Buffalo, when I suddenly heard an inexplicable noise of machinery. I went out to investigate and the noise was coming from War Memorial Park on route three, which my propetty adjoins.

Recently, some clearing has been done by, I can only assume, people commissioned by the Town. They'd left a rather large mess of branches and sawn wood for a couple of days. When I investigated where the noise came from, I saw the chipper started its work.

Why on this day?

Chippers are not quiet at the best of times. On Sunday mornings, when there is less traffic and many people are still asleep, the noise of a wood chipper is loud.

I'm pretty sure that if I were to create the noise level that they created, I'd have someone on my doorstep threatening to fine me for violating Town bylaws.

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Ridgeway

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A mother bear and her cubs.

A bear sighting in the Bruce peninsula

Earl Plato
Special to The Times

"Clang! Bang! Clang!"

Silence. We were staying on Parker Island on the Bruce peninsula. We were sound asleep in our rented house while our son and his family was in their camper at the top of the property where the sounds had emanated.

Sometime early in the night something was at the weighed down garbage cans.

Raccoons, skunks? No.

The neighbour, an octogenarian, informed us. " It's the bear looking for some goodies." She smiled. Yes, black bears are on the Bruce. That same week in August our daughter and her cousin took photos of a mother black bear and her cubs sauntering in a field south of Tobermory. In the weekly Wiarton paper, it was written that a 350-pound bear wandered into town and posed for a picture.

Bears in the Bruce?

Yes, we were surprised and a little more wary.

Here in Fort Erie no black bears except in zoos. Of course in pioneer days these mammals were quite numerous. What do you know about black bears of Ontario? The Wiarton Brue peninsula weekly paper said the bear that entered the town was a male. A mature male black bear weighs about 200 to over 500 pounds. The Wiarton bruin was a medium sized bear. What happened to this bear?

Apparently nothing. He just wandered back into the nearby woods. I have watched black bears in captivity and they seem to walk in a clumsy manner. Don't be fooled. This animal with surprising bursts can reach up to 30 mph. Mainly a nocturnal animal I believed but they are being seen more and more in the daylight, Remember this big mammal loves insects and ripe berries. They will rip logs apart with their powerful claws in search of juicy insects. The only fear I still have is when I would come between a mother bear and her cubs. What should one do at such a time?

Writer's note: Want to see a black bear in the wild up close? Daughter Diane and husband John O'Brien have a cabin far up north at Elk Lake. They have to take their garbage to a landfill some miles away. Black bears are common visitors at the garbage site. Here is one of Diane's reports. A mother bear and two of her cubs were feasting on the leftovers.

Then a big male appeared at the scene. Mother bear be aware. Male bears will kill cubs. Why? Jealousy? No potential rivals needed. This time the mother bear and her young ones wisely quickly departed. I have been to this dump. It is a magnet of ready food supplies for area Black bears.

I hope to visit Algonquin Park this summer. Will we see any bears?

Earl Plato is a Fort Erie resident, a local historian and nature lover.

Alternative history genre allows authors to create stories from strong historical base

Amy Roebuck
Special to the Times

A few weeks ago in this space, we looked at historical fiction. There is another category of books, perhaps even more fun.

These are the ones in which the author does the research, builds the setting and characters from a strong historical base, then spins the people and plots off into fantastic situations. One form this takes is called alternate history, and Harry Turtledove is an author who specializes in stories that start with "If the Confederacy won the Civil War" or "If Germany won World War II". Many of Turtledove's books are available in the Fort Erie Public Library collection.

Perhaps the best-known individual example is Vlad III, Duke of Wallachia. How many people have told this man's story?

Bram Stoker started with *Dracula,* published in 1897 and still in print. Elizabeth Kostova explored the legend in *The Historian. Barbara Hambly penned Renfield: slave of Dracula and Tim Lucas titled his own prequel The Book of Renfield: a gospel of Dracula. Dracula the Un-dead* is a sequel to the classic novel written by Bram Stoker's own great grandnephew Dacre Stoker with Ian Holt. And while we are on the topic of vampires, the library collection includes an extreme example of an historical figure in a fantastic situation in *Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter* in DVD and book format, written by Seth Grahame-Smith.

Eleanor Roosevelt, the First Lady of the United States and human rights activist, is Eleanor Roosevelt the Washington sleuth in her son Elliott's series of mysteries. Jane Austen, creator of some of fiction's most beloved characters becomes a character herself in Stephanie Barron's series of mysteries, now numbering over a dozen. Stephen King inserts himself as a character in his own *Song of Susannah.*

A favourite fictional Canadian detective is William Murdoch, in the books by Maureen Jennings. Creators of the hit television series *Murdoch Mysteries* starring Yannick Bisson have added interest by introducing historical figures of the late 19th and early 20th century to Detective Murdoch's Toronto. Buffalo Bill Cody, Harry Houdini, Nikola Tesla, Emma Goldman, Theodore Roosevelt and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle are just a few of the famous folks who complicate Murdoch's work. The books and the television series are all available in the library collection.

Tonight's movie is '71, a blend of action, drama and thriller about the dangerous situation for a young and disoriented British soldier who is accidentally abandoned by his unit following a riot on the deadly streets of Belfast in 1971. '71 will be screened starting at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Centennial branch of the library, and on Tuesday, July 28, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Crystal Ridge branch.

During the week ahead, the Do It Yourself skill will be "Lego master". There will be stories, three different Lego projects and a badge for each participant on Monday, July 27, at 10:45 a.m. at the Stevensville branch, Tuesday, July 28 at 10:30 a.m. at Crystal Ridge, and Thursday, July 30 at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch. The famous artist whose work inspires our art project on Monday, July 27 at 2:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch is Henri Matisse. Matisse bridged the periods of Impressionism and Modernism, and children can learn about him from books in the library collection.

Planning ahead is helpful for all ages: "Home Alone" and "What Every Babysitter Should Know" courses, taught by experts, will be offered at the library in August. Contact St. John Ambulance at 905-356-7340 for registration or more information. On Sept. 16 at Stevensville Hall, expert Nina Stahlschmidt will teach a quilting workshop for adults. Please contact Andrea Wilson at the Fort Erie Historical Museum, 905-894-5322, if you would like to register for the quilting workshop.

Amy Roebuck is the community services coordinator at the Fort Erie Public Library.

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A look back at the week in Niagara

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Pelham Summerfest draws record crowds

They walked, they drove, they biked — all with the same destination in mind.

Pelham Summerfest drew thousands of people to downtown Fonthill for four days of live music, children's activities, food and fun.

"It was worth the drive from Niagara-on-the-Lake," said Jen Murray, who came with her two children Saturday to, as festival organizers say, "chill on the hill."

"It's a kids' day. It gives us something to do," she said, adding this was the first year the family opted to come down to check out the town's signature event.

Her girls were loving the sea of inflatables and the variety of shows and demonstrations that filled Peace Park and Pelham St.

For Chris Scott, the event was an opportunity to explore his new community.

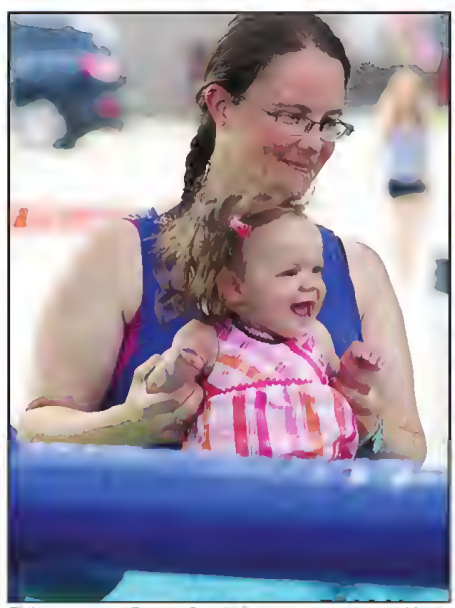
The Niagara Falls native only recently moved to Fonthill and felt Summerfest may be the ideal way to learn a bit more about his new surroundings.

"We cooled off in the pool for a bit and then thought we'd come to check out the music," he said alongside three-year-old daughter Willowmae.

It was a big benefit, he said, that their family lives within walking distance of downtown, so they were able to stroll over in the sunshine.

He praised event organizers for shutting down Pelham St. to really allow people to move around and to add to that community festival feel.

Crowds filled the streets at Pelham Summerfest this past weekend in downtown Pelham.

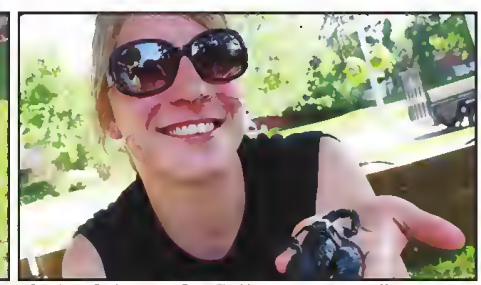


Eight-month-old Eleanor Paddle is all smiles as mother Mary helps her bounce on one of the inflatables at Summerfest.

Cole Jackson, with the help of firefighter Sean Young, concentrates on hitting his mark at Pelham Summerfest.

Nathan Furtney keeps cool in the boat pool.

Mike London, of Reptile Kingdom allows kids an up-close visit with a friendly python.



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Rich Products back up and running

Ray Spiteri
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Rich Products resumed normal operations last week after an ammonia leak at its Fort Erie plant killed one man and sent two people to hospital.

"As far as the (Ministry of Labour's) investigation, the ministry informed us that our equipment performed as designed and is safe," said Dwight Gram, vice-president of communications for Rich Products.

"(The ministry) did not issue any orders or violations. The investigation is ongoing with the likelihood that the cause was human error," Gram said.

The ministry has been investigating a leak that happened around noon on July 6 in an engine room of the Hagey Ave. plant.

Rich Products is a food company based in Buffalo, N.Y. It operates 36 plants around the world with about 10,000 employees. There are two plants in Canada — one in Woodbridge and one in Fort Erie.

The Fort Erie plant employs around 285 workers, 85 of whom were on site when the leak occurred, as well as 10 contract workers.

The man who died was one of those contract workers.

The ministry has said one of the two people sent to hospital with non life-threatening injuries was a Rich Products employee, while the other was a roofing contractor.

Ministry spokeswoman Janet Deline said she couldn't confirm Gram's comment the company's equipment performed as designed, is safe and that the cause of the leak was human error because "the investigation is still ongoing."

She said the ministry's restriction for Rich Products to not restart the equipment in engine room No. 3 had been lifted.

"Our inspector has notified us that engine room No. 3 has been deemed safe to restart, therefore the requirement for that room has now been complied with," she said.

Deline said the ministry continues to inspect engine room No. 2, which was still in the process of being repaired last week.

"The requirement for that room to not be restarted until deemed safe is still in effect."

Gram said the ammonia leak occurred in engine room No. 2, which is essentially a backup engine room.

"We can basically run the whole plant out of three," he said.

Deline said the ministry has placed a requirement on WearCheck Canada for documentation.

The man who died from the ammonia leak was a contractor who took oil samples and performed lubrication activities for various WearCheck clients.

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Rich Products in Fort Erie.

Health Corner

FAQ answered

Question 1: My dentist tells me to come in for a cleaning once every three months. I don't understand why?

Answer 1: All medical conditions are expressed on a person based on their susceptibility to that condition. For example, we all know that some people are more prone to develop heart disease more than other people. That may be because of genetics, age, gender, and history of their life style. Similarly, periodontal disease (gum disease) is expressed in a different fashion based on one's susceptibility. For example, if you have history of gum disease in your family, you will be more likely to develop gum disease. People who are prone to gum disease, tend to develop the disease earlier and more aggressively. And if they already have it, the progression tends to be more rapid.

So dentists will recommend

Dr. John Inigo

the frequency of hygiene visits based on one's susceptibility (usually by assessing the bone loss history, degree of inflammation, family history, etc.). American Academy of Periodontology recommend 3 month visits for those who are at higher risk for gum disease. That is because their system cannot fight the bacterial attack as well as those who are not at a higher risk.

Question 2: My dentist showed me a cracked tooth. Can I wait and not do treatment right now?

Answer 2: Not all cracks lead to a fracture or split. But often they do at some point. The problem is that no one knows which one will turn into a split or fracture. In many occasions, a split and fracture lead to unfortunate tooth loss if the large amount of structure is damaged. Whether you wait or do something, there is no right or wrong answer. If you cannot accept the possibility of losing a tooth, you will be better off doing something to lower that chance. If you can accept the possibility, then you can certainly wait. Your dentist will help you either way as long as you know the outcome of your decision.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway, Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905.871.2903 or Inigo Ridgeway Dentistry, 905.894.5555. For further information and discussion, please visit his office at www.inigodentistry.com.

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Sherkston Shores is bringing a new look to its park model homes

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Sherkston Shores recently unveiled the Black Diamond Edition, a new line of luxury, contemporary park model homes.

Sherkston Shores is changing the way people think about park model homes.

The RV resort in Port Colborne recently unveiled the Black Diamond Edition, a new line of luxury, contemporary park model homes, which are exclusive to Sherkston Shores. The resort currently has two model homes on display with more to come.

"These are the homes of the future because of the way they are laid out. There's so much light in them," said Dave Napp, chief administrative officer of Sherkston Shores Carefree RV Resort.

"To me, these homes say vacation."

"They really are more like cottages," said Marc Elmer, regional vice president of northeastern operations.

"The idea is that when people purchase a home, they are just given a key and they can move right in," Elmer said.

General Coach Canada, a family-owned company in Hensall, ON designed the homes. The prices of the homes start around $129,000 and can cost up to $190,000. They are customizable to each owner's specifications and include high-end appliances.

Each home is about 540 square-feet and offers two bedrooms and a combination living room and dining space. Features include corian countertops, stainless steel appliances, electric and gas fireplaces, wood blinds, wall mounted LED televisions and modern exterior materials and higher end models offer homeowners rooftop patios.

"We wanted to design a park model home like no other in the marketplace today, push our industry to think outside the box and give our customers something to get excited about," said Chris Faulkner, vice president of General Coach Canada.

"I think we've succeed in creating an elegant but approachable and affordable summer home that looks something out of a design magazine but would not look out of place in the woodsy water resort and retreat at Sherkston Shores."

Napp said the homes are geared toward a mixture of people including young couples, families and seniors.

"We plan on making (Black Diamond Edition) our most popular model in Sherkston Shores."

Napp said there are 1,700 sites at Sherkston Shores and homeowners occupy 1,200 sites.

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Friends of Crystal Beach are bringing art to Queen's Circle

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Mark your calendars for Saturday when the Friends of Crystal Beach will present Circle of Art at Queen's Circle.

The inaugural event will offer residents a chance to discover a variety of photographers, sculptors, jewellery makers and painters including Fort Erie's Paul Lewis.

Lewis, who began painting 15 years ago, captures landscapes and historical buildings.

"I was that kid in high school that took a lot of architectural courses. When I went to college, a mentor taught me about history."

When Lewis discovered his passion for history, he switched programs and went on to become a history teacher.

He uses both his passion for history and architecture as inspiration for his paintings and has recreated many local buildings and landscapes in Niagara.

"There's so much beauty in this area, there's a lot to paint," Lewis said.

Lewis learned how to paint from Fort Erie's Stacey Thomas, who currently teaches art classes from her home-based studio.

Thomas uses her art to celebrate the history and nature of Fort Erie. When she learned about the Circle of Art, Thomas said she wanted to get involved.

Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

Artists Paul Lewis and Stacey Thomas will have their work on display at Circle of Art on Queen's Circle on Saturday in Crystal Beach.

"I love Crystal Beach and I have a real passion for the community," she said.

Local artists will form a circle of art displays around the perimeter of Queen's Circle between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

People attending the event will be asked to fill out ballots to identify their favourite displays. The top artists will be awarded with first, second and third place ribbons.

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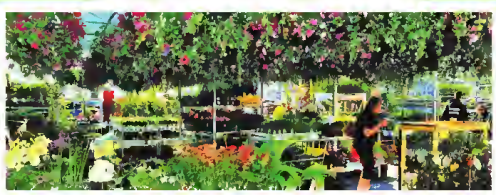

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▶POLICE BRIEF

Police search for driver involved in hit and run

Niagara Regional Police are searching for a driver who was involved and fled from a hit and run in Stevensville.

Police, Niagara EMS and the Fort Erie Fire Department responded to a report of a young boy who had been struck by a car in front of the United Empire Loyalist Park near Ott Road and Fox Road at 4:40 p.m. on Saturday, July 11.

The boy received minor injuries.

Police describe the driver as an elderly female with white hair. The vehicle is described as being smaller, lightly coloured and possibly a two-door coupe

Any witnesses with information regarding this collision are asked to contact PC Vassallo at 905-688-4111 ext. 2300.

▶NEWS BRIEF

Community barbecue

A barbecue will be held on Thursday, July 23 to help raise money for the Fort Erie Lions Club.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Herbal Magic, 516 Garrison Rd., Fort Erie. Hamburgers and bottled water will be sold for $3 each.

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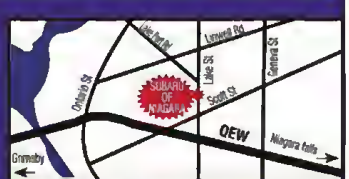

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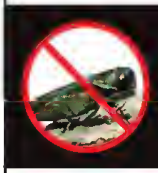

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Niagara youth group celebrates the Making Healthier Choices Act

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

A Niagara-based youth group is celebrating new legislation that encourages families to live healthier lifestyles.

REACT, a youth-led group that provides peer education and advocates for healthy lifestyles in Niagara, held a beach bash in Crystal Beach last Wednesday to raise awareness of new legislation the Ontario government has passed, which is called the Making Healthier Choices Act.

"Part of the bill states that restaurant chains with 20 or more restaurants are required to have calorie counts on their menus for all the items," said Melinda Mitterhauser, a member of REACT. "It will make a big difference when teens are choosing what they eat because they will see what they are getting in terms of making healthy choices."

Mitterhauser said the new bill addresses "a number of different issues."

Under the Making Healthier Choices Act, it is illegal to use e-cigarettes in designated non-smoking area and sell e-cigarettes in certain places where tobacco sales are prohibited. It's also illegal to display or promote e-cigarettes in places where e-cigarettes or tobacco is sold.

Under the new legislation, selling e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 19 has been banned. The sale of flavored tobacco products, with a temporary exemption for menthol-flavored products has also been banned.

The event featured food, games and prizes to educate the public on the passing of the new bill.

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Sarah Ferguson Fort Erie Times

REACT, a Niagara-based youth group celebrated new legislation that encourages families to make healthier choices during a Beach Bash last Wednesday. From left are REACT members Emily Taylor, Diego Vargas, Marla Mali, Melinda Mitterhauser, Danni Kozela, Emily Hutchings and Rebekah Lumsden.

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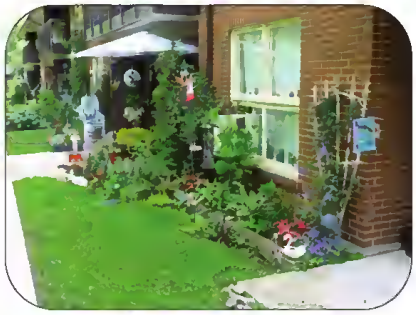
Peggi Moore ... Circle of Excellence (Small Category)



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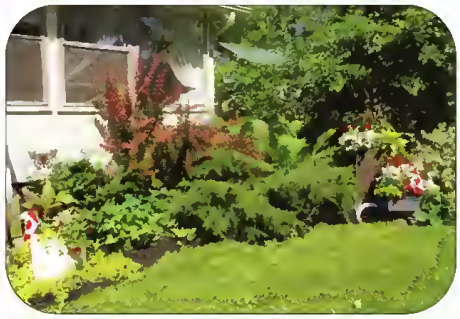

Deb & Stu Malcolm ... Window Boxes or Planters

Nancy Cook ... Vegetable Garden

Lisa Allen ... Curb Appeal

Circle of Excellence Small Category

Peggi Moore
1st Place

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Crystal Beach Volunteer Firefighters Association
Institutional—1st Place

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1st Place Winners

Clarion Hotel & Conference Centre
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Small Business—1st Place

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Harry Rosettani Special to the Times

Police say a 60 year-old man was charged with careless driving after he failed to stop at a stop sign and struck a Niagara Emergency Medical Services vehicle last Tuesday night in Fort Erie.

Police charge man with careless driving

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

Police say a 60 year-old man was charged with careless driving after he failed to stop at a stop sign and struck a Niagara Emergency Medical Services vehicle in Fort Erie last Tuesday night.

Niagara Regional Police Const. Phil Gavin said a man driving a 2009 Volvo was travelling northbound on Pettit Road when it struck a Niagara EMS vehicle travelling westbound on Gilmore Road, causing the Niagara EMS vehicle to hit a light stand at 7:50 p.m.

Gavin said the driver of the Volvo sustained minor injuries and was transported to hospital by ambulance.

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Brick for skateboarders

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Bouquet for green thumbs

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Austin Gooder Special to The Times

Communities in Bloom judges Mauro Franco Paradisi and Evelyn Alemanni helped celebrate Fort Erie's Communities in Bloom awards winners last Tuesday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex Banquet Hall.

Communities in Bloom competition highlights Fort Erie's beauty

Austin Gooder
Special to The Times

An international Communities in Bloom competition is offering a chance for the Town of Fort Erie to be recognized for its beauty on the world stage.

Two international judges from the Communities in Bloom organization were in Fort Erie last Tuesday to evaluate the community for their 2015 international series of awards.

The arrival of Evelyn Alemanni of California and Mauro Franco Paradisi of Italy marked the first time that Fort Erie has competed in the international level of the Communities in Bloom contest. The town has previously competed and won at provincial and national levels of the competition.

Paradisi says the organization is important to both small and large towns as judges, members and participants are able to come together to improve their communities.

"We improve the experience of a community and we take the experiences and bring them outwards," Paradisi said.

Communities in Bloom judges look at environment, landscaping, flower arrangements, heritage and many other criteria in adjudicating the competition.

Besides touring and judging the town, the two judges took time out of their schedules to help present Communities in Bloom awards to residents of Fort Erie who have exemplified the commitment and hard work needed to make a community beautiful.

The judges were also on hand to help recognize local volunteers at a gala held at the Leisureplex.

Both judges emphasized how important it is to recognize volunteers at a community level.

"Volunteers give so much. It's huge. They're absolutely the fabric of the community," Alemanni said.

Paradisi added that the most important part of a community is "the volunteers improving the quality of life [there]."

Mayor Redekop, MPP Wayne Gates, and all six councillors were on hand to help celebrate both Communities in Bloom and the volunteers.

Ward 3 Coun. Kim Zanko's comments regarding the volunteers and Communities in Bloom were the most succinct and the sharpest.

"Our community is not whole without those that volunteer, and this gala gives Fort Erie the opportunity to showcase our beautiful town," she said.

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Fort Erie Arts Council fighting to stay alive

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

The Fort Erie Arts Council is in danger of becoming defunct if members of the community don't step up to volunteer.

"We need committed volunteers to keep the council active in the community," Fort Erie Arts Council president Michelle Morrissey told 20 people who attended a meeting last Thursday at Station 2 Fire Hall.

The goal of the meeting, Morrissey said, was to determine the future of the Fort Erie Arts Council, a non-profit organization that encourages the growth of arts and culture in Fort Erie.

A volunteer board of directors that consists of four members runs the council. The members of the board "are fully taxed and have full time jobs and other responsibilities outside of the council," which make it difficult for them to keep up with the demands of running the non-profit organization without the support of volunteers.

According to the council's constitution, "there should be no less than nine directors and seven for quorum," Morrissey said.

The day-to-day activities of the council requires volunteers to share a variety of jobs that include managing the web site, promoting the council through social media, planning, managing and coordinating events and activities. With only four board members and few volunteers, Morrissey said the council couldn't continue to operate. Without a full board of directors and active membership, the arts council will fold by the end of 2015.

The council has been struggling to find volunteers willing to act as board members, or to assist in the organization of events.

"We have plenty of cheerleaders and people who give hurrahs for what the arts council does but the problem is we don't get the people to show up when we need them," Morrissey explained.

The council relies on funds raised from membership renewawls, class fees, events and some donations.

In addition to their roles as board members, the board's four members organize the arts council's events themselves.

The council's signature event is the Red Ribbon Exhibition, which gives artists an opportunity to share and sell their work. Other events include art exhibitions, children's activities at local festivals such as the Spirit of Christmas, art classes and workshops.

As a result of last Thursday's meeting, the arts council is seeking applicants to join the board of directors. If the board is unable to fill the positions by Aug. 15, the arts council will fold.

For more information about joining the Fort Erie Arts Council's board of directors send an e-mail forterieartscouncil@gmail.com or call 905-894-8373.

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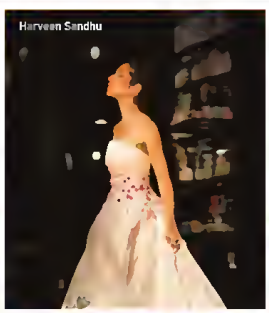
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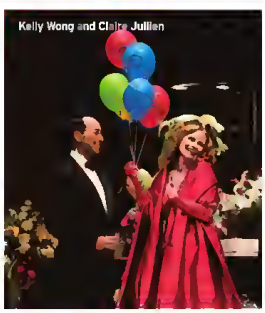
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Combine water and sugar in medium saucepan. Bring to boil on medium then reduce to medium low heat. Simmer, uncovered for five minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add lavender.

Stir and remove from heat. Let stand for 15 minutes. Then strain through sieve. Discard solids and transfer to heatproof pitcher. Add lemon juice. Stir and chill for at least four hours. This recipe makes about three cups lemonade.

There is an option to add 3/4 cup vodka if you wish after adding the lemon juice. You may find you may want to double this recipe if you have some friends or family for a visit. This is a refreshing summer taste!

You can find more recipes in Herbs and Spices by Jean Pare.

From the gardener's journal: Sharing together improves many activities

Ruth Vold Markie
Special to The Times

I'm old enough to recall the tune 'I get by with a little help from my friends.'

That repeated phrase rang in my mind this week as I harvested at the community gardens, weeded at our various civic gardens and enjoyed a rainy chat with one of our great horticultural members. We just don't do anything alone. We build on the work of otbers and the best parts in life are those times when we share experiences together.

So we learn to cook from others, we learn to clean and organize from others unless you were born with the organized spirit within. Sharing together enhances many activities.

My husband reminds me when he was a young man learning to prune in his dad's orchard he refused to learn from an older and wiser neighbour who had great experience in pruning. To this day, he regrets not watching and learning from that gentleman. We can make that mistake. We can be too busy or think we know a better solution, and we can miss what we need to learn. And if someone is willing to teach, that is a bonus.

So I will share a little recipe that may help lighten your moments this summer. This one is Lavender Lemonade (see box).

Some of you have requested my follow up recipe for Balmoral Chicken. Please connect with me through the paper and I will share it with you. Thanks for asking.

I hope you have been able to share your time and experience with someone this week. It is important that we share our knowledge and pass our experience along the way. I appreciate so many of you who connect with me and share what you have learned. Nothing is wasted.

One last thought on waste—those eggshells crushed help keep the slugs from hostas and other plants. This is an older remedy but seems to be organically effective. And don't forget to leave some seeds for the birds. My garden was overflowing this week with little yellow finches and orioles keeping the seeds from cluttering space. And 'Stripey' (my garter snake) does his share of keeping the environment clean. I won't mention 'Scrappy' and family (squirrels) because I see they also are helping...themselves.

Garden walks in Buffalo this month are a worthwhile event if you are able to go. And the night sky is becoming more eventful. Welcome back Pluto, to your proper status.

See you on the trails, at the beach and in sunshine or shower.

Until next time keep growing.

Ruth Vold Markle is a member of the Fort Erie Horticulture Club.

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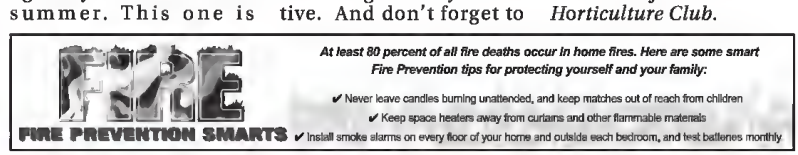

Plans moving ahead for south Niagara hospital

Alison Langley
Postmedia Network

There is a lot of "heavy lifting" going on behind the scenes of the $26.2 million planning grant process for a south Niagara hospital on the outskirts of Niagara Falls, Niagara Falls Mayor Jim Diodati says.

"Everything is moving forward as planned," Diodati said Monday.

"We're going through the planning grant process and at some point after that's done the provincial government would have to make a further announcement of funding and then groundbreaking. That's the next big step we're looking forward to."

The Niagara Health System formed a planning committee in 2014 to steer the organization through the planning grant process to look at a new hospital at Montrose and Lyon's Creek Rds. and two urgent care centres.

"We are on target and on plan," said Angela Zangari, NHS executive vice president of finance and operations.

A clinical services plan has been completed and the report is available to the public on the NHS website.

The NHS is now working on the next stage of the process called master programming, master planning.

"We're looking at confirming what services will be on site," Zangari added.

"After that, we will get a sense of what the footprint of the hospital will look like."

Diodati met recently with officials at the premier's office as well as the Ministry of Finance and plans to meet with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care at the upcoming conference of the Association of Municipalities Ontario which will be held in Niagara Falls Aug. 16 to 19.

"I don't like to wait until there's an issue - I like to be pro-active - so we've been having ongoing discussions," the mayor added. "We are continually confirming the path that we're on."

The NHS is the lead on the planning work for the new hospital.

"Planning for Stage 1 proposal submission is currently underway. To date, the ministry has not received any capital planning submissions," said Joanne Woodward Fraser, senior communications advisor, media communications and marketing division of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

NHS chief executive officer Kevin Smith in 2012 recommended closing existing south Niagara hospitals and replacing them with a single new hospital to be built in Niagara Falls.

The province in 2014 committed $26.2 million towards the planning of a new hospital. At that time, officials said the planning process could take up to 24 months.

Niagara Falls city council committed $22 million towards the project. Fort Erie town council pledged $3 million.

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558 applicants from outside region apply for housing subsidy

Rob Houle
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Charity begins at home for Brian Heit.

The St. Catharines regional councillor made the comment after hearing there are 558 households from outside Niagara on a wait list for rent-geared-to-income housing.

"I believe charity begins at home. I'm more concerned about people living in Niagara who are on the wait list than the people outside Niagara," Heit said last Tuesday during Niagara Region's public health and community services committee meeting, where Niagara Regional Housing general manager Ellen Balmain presented the agency's first quarter report.

The NRH report shows 3,932 Niagara households where on the wait list as of March 31, bringing the total to 4,490 when those from outside the region are added. The total represents a 6% decrease from the same time in 2014.

Grimsby Mayor Bob Bentley also expressed concern with the number of applicants from outside the region.

"What impact does that 558 have on residents that are within the Niagara region that are not getting housed?" he asked Balmain.

She explained that while households from outside the region can apply for the subsidy, they are placed in chronological order just like everyone else. Victims of domestic violence who apply for rent geared-to-income residences are considered high priority applicants and are placed atop the wait list.

Balmain said she suspects there are more people from Niagara who apply for the subsidy in other jurisdictions than the other way around.

"My gut instinct is that we probably have more people applying outside the region to move because of jobs, and moving to the bigger centres, than we actually have people who care coming this way," she said.

People eligible for the rent-geared-to-income subsidy must be spending 30% or more of household income on rent, with a ceiling on what the household can earn. The income ceiling for someone needing a bachelor apartment in all areas of Niagara with the exception of West Lincoln is $25,500; for households needing a one-bedroom dwelling it's $31,500; two bedrooms, $39,000; three bedrooms, $48,000; four bedrooms or more $59,500. Those limits exclude West Lincoln, Balmain explained, because Canadian Mortgage Housing Corp. data that notes average rents excludes that community's data from the rest of Niagara. The household income limits for West Lincoln are $23,500 for a bachelor apartment, $29,000 for one-bedroom units, $35,500 for two bedroom. $40,000 for three-bedroom and $48,500 for four or more bedrooms.

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There are 558 households from outside Niagara on a wait list for rent-geared-to-income housing.

The NRH report shows there were 1,563 seniors on the rent-geared-to-income wait list as of March 31, down from the 1,592 in 2014; 1,486 adults with no dependents, down from 1,522; and 1,441 adults with dependents, down from 1,658 from the same time in 2014.

Niagara Falls regional Coun. Selina Volpatti questioned who set the 30% entry level to qualify for the rent subsidy, to which she was told by Balmain it is a percentage legislated by the province.

"I have an issue with the 30%, because I think that many, many people who are not on this list are spending much more than 30% on their housing when you include the mortgage, that kind of thing, in it," Volpatti said. "I think that this is a really bad mistake to lump all the 30-percenters on our housing list, because it seems to me that if we were to raise that to say 40%, you would be isolating the people who really need this kind of support."

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New players 'key to Cannons' success'

Austin Gooder
Special to The Times

As with any sports team, there's always a worry that major player turnover could damage the team's chances to compete.

But the Cannons' infusion of new players has been the key to their successes this season.

Under manager Justin Hall, the Cannons have been able to put their cold 0-4 start to the season well behind them as they've played to a 9-7 record after going 9-3 in their last 12 games.

Hall is surprised at just how well the team's new players have stepped in and become part of the team.

"We added six new guys this year, some who came from high levels of ball, and others who haven't played in several years, and they all have produced for us," said Hall.

Some of the new players have had past pro or semi-pro experience in baseball, and Hall says that players like that are invaluable to any team.

"Adding veteran guys like Gary Moraes and Nick Weglarz, who can share their baseball knowledge with the rest of the guys, has been so beneficial."

Not to be forgotten is the Cannons' core of players who have played parts in the team's successes for many years.

Veterans Matt Pine, Pat Giampaolo, Cam Hall and Robin Kellar play integral roles for the team.

Despite their recent string of success, Hall says the team still has room to improve.

"I still feel that we haven't fully clicked yet, and I'm anxious to see what this team is fully capable of doing when that happens, it should be fun to watch. We have a very talented group of guys."

For Hall, what's impressed him most about the team is the chemistry and confidence they have in the dugout.

"(In) previous years, untimely errors or slumping bats would cost us games. This year, we seem to have the ability to stick together as a team and overcome some of those obstacles, which results in more wins," Hall said.

Hall continued on to say that the confidence the team has in the dugout has led a mre relaxed atmosphere on the field.

Confidence will be important for the team going forward as they continue to stack up against some tough teams in Niagara District Senior Men's Baseball Association play.

"Our league has never been a more competitive (one). On any given night anyone can win or lose," Hall said.

"Come playoff time, it'll be more important that we have a full team that's comfortable, confident and playing good ball, the rest will bopefully take care of itself."

The Cannons will look to wrap up their season nicely over their last eight games. They'll play three in a row at Oakes Park in Fort Erie on July 22, July 29 and Aug. 5.

Hall and the Cannons hope to see great turnouts at all three games.

The team would like to thank all local businesses and fans that have supported the team this season.

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Seasonal Affective Disorder is a recognized form of depression that is common to people living in cold climates. Learn more about this disorder and what you can do about it, before the dark, cold days of fall and winter are upon us again. The workshop will be held from 2-4 p.m. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621.

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For people who tend to be hard on themselves, this full day workshop looks at the ineffective ways we attempt to protect or motivate ourselves with judgment or striving to do better, and provides exercises to increase our self-acceptance, self-care, and self-compassion. The session will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; light lunch provided. Bridges Community Health Centre Fort Erie, 1485 Garrison Road. Call 905-871-7621.

KEEPING DIABETES AWAY
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▶SPORTS BRIEF

Junior B's open with tourneys

Both south Niagara Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League teams will have played two games by the time they begin their Golden Horseshoe Conferences.

A three-day tournament of interlocking games gets underway Friday, Sept. 11, in London, where all 27 teams in the junior B loop will face two non-conference opponents.

The Pelham Panthers will play the Lambton Shores Predators Saturday, Sept. 12, and the Stratford Cullitons the following morning, while the Welland Junior Canadians take on the St. Marys Lincolns and the Waterloo Siskins.

The Buffalo Regals, back in the Golden Horseshoe after a one-year absence, visit the Panthers for their home opener Friday, Sept. 18, at Pelham Arena. Their first road game is two nights later against the Junior Canadians.

Welland will open conference play on the road Saturday, Sept. 19, against the Fort Erie Meteors before hosting the Pelham the next night at the main arena.

Each of the provincial junior B league's teams will play a 50-game schedule with 24 home games, 24 away games and the two neutral-site games at the seventh annual showcase in London.

Rio Vista results

The weather did not look very co-operative early last Wednesday morning but there was a good turnout of 53 retirees and seniors waiting to challenge the course.

As usual, the committee of Marty Roberts, Dennis Bailey, Romeo Denommee and chairman John Lunn gave the guys the updates and instructions. Also, there were the weekly draws.

The 50/50 was won by Cliff Wilson and the mystery prize went to Wayne Learn.

Last week's event was a four-man scramble with a closest to the pin prize on the par three seventh hole.

Only three people managed to get on the green this time and Dave Ferris tied Bruce Stapleton for closest to the hole.

There was a tie for first place by the teams of Glen Froats, Bill Prow, Dave Ferris, Rich Dube and Art Drover, Romeo Denommee, Ralph Tangness, Nick Langelaan.

Second place went to John Lunn, Ed Laycock, Wayne Learn and Ken Lamalice. Third place winners were Jim Dumelie, Brad Perdue, Scott Burridge and Jerry Perdue.

The mystery hole was the fourth this round. This week's format was an individual stroke play with a Beat Your Handicap award. The committee reminded everyone that for the balance of the year there will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start.

Results from this week were not available before press time.

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Dancing in Disney

Pam Hensler Special to The Times

A group of dancers from Peacock School of Dance have just returned from Florida where they had the opportunity of a lifetime. The girls danced down Main Street in Disney World with the parade consisting of over 500 dancers from Canada, the US and Mexico. The choreography, costumes and the glittering ruby red slippers were all all part of the exciting experience. The following day, the dancers performed on stage at Hollywood Studios where they entertained with a mini tap production choreographed by Peacock teachers Laura McCooey and Derene Venturini. From left are dancers Julianna Farnan, Antonietta Sferrazza, Natalie Sferrazza, Caitlin Brooks, Ivory Kirk, Shayla Kirk, Zara Kazmierczak, Jessie Holman, Victoria Kuronen, Katie Greenwood and Quynn Gilmour.

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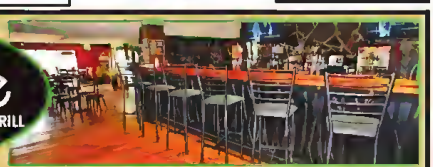

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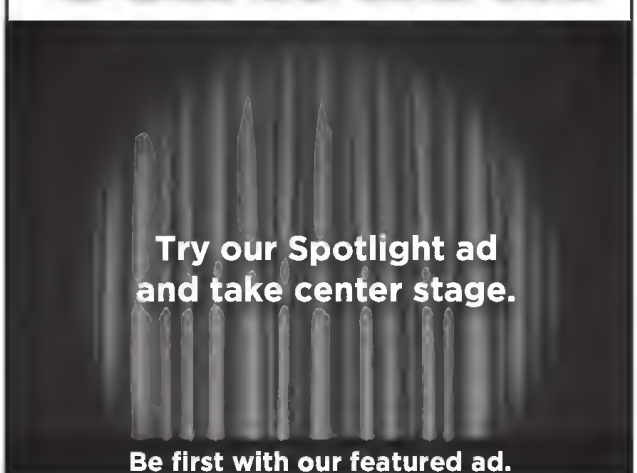

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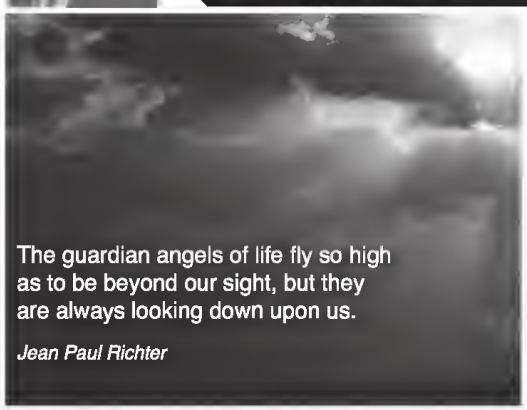

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Jean Paul Richter

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It is with deep sorrow that the family announce her passing at The Golden Manor on Saturday, July 11, 2015. She is predeceased by her husband, Albert in 2009. She will be sadly missed by her sister, Theresa Taylor. She was a long time member of St. Michael's Catholic Church. She served on the Women's Auxiliary for both the Church and the Hospital. Funeral Mass was held at 2pm on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 from St. Anthony's Cathedral in Timmins.

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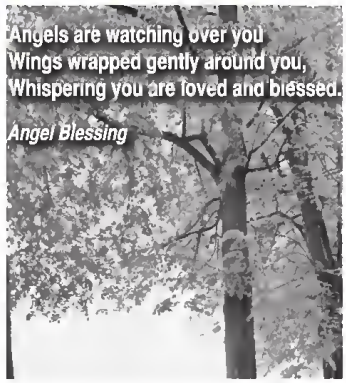

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A frog will completely shed its skin about once a week. They usually eat the shedded skin for nutrition and water.

A group of frogs is called an army. (A group of toads is called a knot)

The smallest frogs are the Paedophryne dekot and Paedophryne verrucosa from Papua New Guinea, sizing in at only only 9 mm in length.

Most frogs have teeth, usually very small teeth on the upper jaw. The teeth are mainly used to hold prey in place until the frog can swallow it.

Frogs use their eyes to swallow. When a frog blinks, it pushes its eyeballs down on top of the mouth, which helps push the food down the back of its throat.

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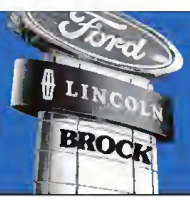

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